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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Science and Technology)

VIA: Assistant Director (Special Activities)

SUBJECT: Schedule of the Remaining ARGON
Packages for 1963--Mission 9059A

1. The next ARGON mission, 9059A, is scheduled for 25 October. The Board in considering the scheduling of ARGON missions in the recent past has made it perfectly clear that they would consider the results of the last mission, 9058A, to see whether it was sufficiently successful to warrant another shot, namely the use of 9059A.

2. The Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance on 19 September received a briefing from Army on the results of 9058A, discussed the question of the need for another shot, and concluded preliminarily in the affirmative. A paper on this subject, however, will be considered at the meeting of COMOR on 26 September and submitted to the Board for consideration on 2 October. The Chairman, COMOR has checked with the Deputy Director of NRO and been advised that this schedule is in the proper timing for decision making in the NRO.

3. It is true that there is a package backup for the Mission 9059A. However, it is most unlikely that the Board would recommend substitutions in view of the fact that on Wednesday, 25 September, the Board will consider a COMOR paper which recommends a reduction in the number of J packages currently scheduled for the remainder of 1963. This paper is USIB-D-41.15/17; COMOR-D-48/45.

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